

### BARNUM BILL REDUCES LEGAL STANDARD FOR ILLUMINATING GAS

Law As Passed in 1903 Requires 16 Candle Power Gas and Proposed Law But 15 Candle Power — This Equivalent to Price Increase of Six Cents on the Dollar.

### LITTLE JOKER IN PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL

A Joker has been found in the Barnum Bill which relates to the control of public service corporations. Section 4569 of the General Statutes as amended in 1903 provides for 16 candle power gas. The Barnum bill makes 15 candle power gas the legal standard.

### SEVERE CRITICISM LATE PATENTS ON NOVEL AIR SHIP

Also Secures Patents on Novel Principle for Internal Combustion Engines

Hartford, July 20. Editor of the Farmer: The so-called public utilities bill published by a majority of the special committee appears to have been drawn for the committee with extreme contempt for the intelligence of the General Assembly and of the public. The bill leaves the existing railroad commission with no increase of its present inadequate powers, but merely creates an additional commission with hardly so much as a semblance of power. It excludes from its operation railroads and street railways, although the demand for an effective public utilities commission is increased by the abuses connected with street railway charters.

The bill purports to apply to all lighting, telephone and water companies, but by section 1 all corporations reporting to the Railroad Commissioners are expressly excluded from the operation of the act; hence, although the Connecticut Company (a subsidiary company of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company) reports to the Railroad Commissioners only in reference to its street railway operations, yet it is exempt under the proposed act from making any reports concerning the electric lighting business which it conducts at Waterbury, New Britain, Norwalk and eleven other towns in the state, while all other private plants and the municipal plant in the city of Hartford are included in the act.

Section 6 of the majority bill provides that this act shall not apply to this act shall furnish "reasonably proper and adequate service"; but the bill contains no provision for the enforcement of such service, or for the provision for the failure to furnish it. This section also provides that the corporation shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent injury to persons or property of others; but it gives the commission created no power to order repairs necessary to public safety or even to investigate the cause of an accident. The section, although having an appearance of importance, adds nothing in fact to the existing common law.

Section 7, dealing with capitalization, is a joke. In conjunction with section 18, it gives all corporations subject to the act power to issue capital stock, mortgage bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness in unlimited quantities "for paying the whole or any part of its indebtedness or for the provision for the proper working capital." What greater powers could be devised? Yet later in the section it is expressly provided that under certain circumstances the corporation may issue stock at a price less than par to be determined by its directors; and the measure does not expressly forbid such issue under such circumstances. Accepting property in payment for securities at an over-valuation is not prohibited, and is punishable only when the corporation has fraudulently profited thereby. How does this limit the use of fake construction companies for promoters' profits?

Section 8, dealing with the issue of such bonds without such approval, is a law that the corporation has no power to place upon the issue of debenture bonds or coupon notes. It is impossible to see what effect this section has other than to extend working capital. What greater powers could be devised? Yet later in the section it is expressly provided that under certain circumstances the corporation may issue stock at a price less than par to be determined by its directors; and the measure does not expressly forbid such issue under such circumstances. Accepting property in payment for securities at an over-valuation is not prohibited, and is punishable only when the corporation has fraudulently profited thereby. How does this limit the use of fake construction companies for promoters' profits?

Section 10 reduces the legal standard for gas from sixteen to fifteen candle power! Truly the majority bill is strangely and wonderfully made! Is not its presentation, through the medium of a majority of the General Assembly, an insult to the General Assembly; an expression of utter contempt for the genuine public demand expressed at the beginning of the session for a rational and effective utilities bill?

The public asked for bread; they are offered a stone.

### HOLZER VOTES AGAINST ABOLITION OF \$5,000 LIMIT; ABSENCE SELF BEATS EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT

Bill Which Would Permit Larger Damages Where Death Occurs By Fault of Another Beaten 14 to 15—Vote on Liability Act a Tie, Which Is Broken by President of Senate Against It—Manwaring and Arnold for Both Measures

Hartford, July 21.—By a very close vote in each case the Senate refused today to pass the employers' liability bill reported by the 1907 committee and also the bill removing the \$5,000 limit on damages recoverable for negligence resulting in death. The judicial committee reported both of these matters favorably and they had passed the House. Both Senator Searis and Latimer of the judicial committee told the Senate that the vote in the committee in both cases was very close and that they voted with the minority. From the standpoint of the lawyers there considered both measures bad legislation. The employers' liability bill was class legislation and though there might be individual cases to which it was desirable to cover, a general law such as this would work a great hardship on all employers. Senators Luther and Penn spoke at length in favor of the employers' liability bill and when the vote was finally taken by roll call it showed 15 Senators for its passage and 15 against it. President Pro-Tem Brook of the Senate dissolved the tie by voting to reject the bill.

### TWO SPANS OF THE RAILROAD BRIDGE CONNECTING GALVESTON WITH MAINLAND SWEEPED OUT TODAY BY WATER AND WIND

(Special from United Press.)

Houston, Texas, July 21.—Two spans of the railroad bridge connecting Galveston with the mainland were swept out today by the water and wind. A wall of water like a tidal wave struck the town. The water in the streets is seven feet deep. It is feared there has been loss of life. All telegraph and telephone wires are down. Meagre reports from Galveston today indicate a serious flood following a gale blowing nearly 50 miles an hour off the gulf and carrying the water over the seawall. The barometer is low and is steadily falling. Water is several feet deep in the western part of the city and people are moving out of their houses to higher portions of the city. Telegraph and telephone wires have been so disturbed for several hours that complete reports have been unobtainable. How much damage has been done is not yet known. The storm is said to extend along the north and south coasts of Galveston. A fearful hurricane is sweeping the island upon which the city is located and that a repetition of the storm of 1900 is feared. It is reported that a score of small frame houses on Galveston Beach, several piers and other structures have been demolished and that the wind is blowing at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The railroad bridge between the island and the mainland is out and the water is pouring over the seawall in many places. The wall is 15 feet high.

### CENTURY COMPANY GOES TO WALL MORGAN CONTROLS LOCAL MONOPOLY THREATENED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Directors Find Stock Sales Not Rapid Enough to Meet Accruing Liabilities. Features Brought Out at the Lieutenant Sutton Hearing Today.

The Century Co., which is located on the ground floor of the Y. M. C. C. building is about to wind up its affairs. The concern, which deals in phonographs, records, musical instruments and gas fixtures, is incorporated under the laws of Connecticut and has been doing business for the last four years. In the early part of this month the directors of the company met and determined to bring its existence to an end inasmuch as stock sales were not being made fast enough to meet the accruing liabilities. An agreement was made to follow the directors' decision. Under the statute laws of the state the directors will act as trustees during the sale of the stock, the proceeds of the sale to be used in paying the now existing debts. An inventory of the assets is now being made. Such action as the directors have taken in this case includes the sending out of notices to each of the creditors, directing him to make a formal claim for whatever is due him. Four months are given the creditors to file their claims, and if necessary to sue for the same. The Century Co., will petition the Superior court to order all claims to be filed within this time. No attachments can be placed on the company because this is a voluntary action, the concern being in no wise bankrupt, or insolvent. A voluntary dissolution may be run a straight path, as the creditors may meet and petition that the matter be brought before a referee in bankruptcy and ask that a receiver be appointed, in this way taking the affairs out of the hands of the trustees and bringing them directly under their own control. Such action would be prejudicial to the creditors' interests as the sales at retail prices will aggregate a larger sum than if the stock were sold off quickly and cheaply by a receiver. There are but a few local creditors, most of whom are in New York city. The Century is capitalized at \$5,000. Mr. George Stiff is the treasurer and general manager having come to this city four years ago from Long Island City, where he was the manager of a large manufactory.

### BOY CAME TO PAY "DAD'S" PENALTY

Long Time Before Gallagher's Wife Will Trust Him With Family Bank Books Again.

Andrew Gallagher, the man who was arrested a few days ago in an intoxicated condition and whose bond of \$250 was back again today. Andrew was allowed to go the other day after he had sobered up without leaving a cash bond, but he left behind as a guarantee bank books with accounts amounting to about \$1,350. Gallagher's action this morning that he thought his wife would come and pay the bond as he did not wish to lose the time from his factory work. Judge Wilder fined him \$7 and costs, which his fifteen year old son promptly paid to Clerk of Court John P. Gray, and then led his "Pa" home.

### BRIDGET'S HUSBAND MUST WORK HIMSELF

Mrs. McTiernan's Pitiful Plea Falls Upon Deaf Ears of Judge Wilder.

Bridget McTiernan, a washday by profession and a first-class help in the home, was before Judge Wilder today charged with drunkenness. Bridget was in court yesterday morning when payment went to jail. Bridget pleaded to be allowed to go as she had to support her husband. At no time was there any doubt for the moment just what disposition he should ask Judge Wilder to make of Mrs. McTiernan's case, as he could not help but think of the terrible plight the husband would be in if his wife went to jail. Officer Finnegan was of the opinion that Mr. McTiernan was an able bodied man and well able to support himself, and so Bridget took a joy ride in the new patrol to North avenue.

The funeral of Harold J. Infant son of Joseph P. and Mary Shakett, who died at the home of his parents, 976 Grand street, was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with interment in St. Michael's cemetery.

### WAR IN THE AIR TODAY, INVOLVING FOUR NATIONS

Diplomatic Relations Between Argentina and Bolivia Broken Off and Ministers Dismissed from These Countries—Occasioned by Long Standing Land Dispute Between Peru and Bolivia—Argentina Can Put 250,000 Men in the Field

(Special from United Press.)

Rio Janeiro, July 21.—War, which threatens to involve four nations—Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Brazil—is in the air today. Diplomatic relations between Argentina and Bolivia have been broken off and the ministers of each of these countries have been dismissed from the other. While there has been no formal declaration of war between Argentina and Bolivia, it is believed here that war will come shortly, and that it may sooner or later involve Peru and Brazil.

The war talk is occasioned by a long-standing land dispute between Peru and Bolivia. Each claimed the Acre country and they were unable to settle their differences. It was finally agreed to arbitrate and President Azaña of Argentina, was the judge. He finally decided in favor of Peru and awarded the land to that country. In the meantime while the arbitration was on, Brazil, thinking the land would go to Bolivia, paid that country \$10,000,000 for a portion of the land in dispute.

### BRAZIL AFTER \$10,000,000 INDEMNITY

President Alcantara's decision met with a storm of indignation in Bolivia, and most of the country was manifested against Argentina.

Outbreaks against the citizens of Argentina and Peru who dwell in Bolivia have become frequent and on more than one occasion the Argentine minister was attacked.

If war does result, Argentina, has no more use or for the moment, has no army in time of peace contains 17,000 soldiers with a large reserve of fully trained men. Bolivia has but 2,500 men in her standing army, though she has a reserve of a large militia force. There are 3,000,000 people in Bolivia of whom 20 per cent are Brazilians and her force will not exceed 100,000 men, while Argentina can put 250,000 men in the field. Though the Bolivians are anxious for war and many have already volunteered for service, Argentina is anxious to avoid the war and her only connection with the trouble was that she mediated the question over the lands.

### ELECTRIC REPEAL UNSATISFACTORY

Amendment Gives Right to Makers of Current to Sell Within Same Block.

(Special from United Press.)

New York, July 21.—After initial fractional advances the stock market was strong. The feature was the new high record at 159 for Union Pacific. Amalgamated and Steel common appeared to be held in check. New York Central was 3-4 above 72-1/2. By the end of the first hour the market developed a reactionary movement. At 11:20 the market was around 159 a good deal of stock was in Union Pacific. A new high record was made later, the stock selling at 159-1/2. In some issues there was excellent buying, especially Rock Island. Steel Common sold off 1/4 and this had a good deal to do with the reaction. At 1:20 the market was erratic with gains and losses all over the place. Union Pacific was 1/4 off the highest.

Government bonds unchanged; other bonds firm.

Noon.—From 11 o'clock up to midday the market to show contrasting movements with intervals of more or less sharp declines followed by partial rallies. But 12:15 o'clock the market was fairly strong.

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- WANTED.—Help to clean up factory fire. Apply at office. Jones & Hoffman, 39 William St.
  - WANTED.—To purchase a pony and park wagon. Apply at John Henrich, 634 Bostwick Ave., City. P 21 s 40
  - FOR SALE.—Paper box machinery, or would rent machinery with room and power. Gledhill & Co. P 21 s 4
  - LOST.—Gold lodge pin. T. M. A. monogram. Cincinnati Lodge No. 33. E. Collins, Polli's Theatre.
  - DON'T SUFFER all your days with corns. Call on Dr. Mansfield, 201 Briggs Bldg. Afternoons and Sundays.
  - WANTED.—A number of attractive young ladies. Experience not necessary. Call between 10 and 12 Thursday morning. W. H. Killmer, 763 East Main St. a p
  - FOR SALE.—Two direct current, 110 volt, ceiling fans, perfect condition, \$10 each. Address 2992 Main St. or phone 5148. P 8 s 10
  - WE DO THE RIGHT kind of picture framing at lowest prices. Standard Art Store, 1219 Main St., Stratford Bldg. I 30 s 5
  - NEW YORK BOLOGNA and frankfurters, home made meat loaf, fresh daily. Peter Hron, 1215 Stratford Ave. U 28 s 12 s 0
  - WHEN YOU WANT a good Panama or Straw, see Jim at 974 East Main street. You know who, James J. Sheehan. D 14 s 10 s 5
  - PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave. is sure to have what you want in ales, St. Louis beer, and home made food. The fine free lunch served daily. G 28 s 13 s 0
  - HOT LUNCH, daily at Morton's Cafe 158 Fairfield Avenue, Everhardt's N. Y. Lager and Smith's Philadelphia Ale on draught. T 9 t 0 13
  - SAUSAGE that's home made, also liver pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow Mark Nagle's, 652 East Main street, and John Porter's, 318 Warren St. These goods are made by Elitz at 95 State St. H 11 s 13 s
  - FOR SALE.—Good family horse, one out under survey, one low wheel run about. All in good condition. Owner has no further use for them. Address 2936 Main street or call phone 557. P 19 d 0
  - TRY A CASE of Pabst Milwaukee Famous Steam Beer, \$1.00 per case of two dozen. Jack Mason, 555 Cannon Street. Phone 1135-2. D 21 s 0
  - WANTED.—We have good steady work for carpers, plumbers, painters, etc., for girls who understand running sewing machines. Also for hand sewers. The Warner Brothers Company. P 15 d 0
  - CASCA-LAXINE TABLETS cure biliousness and constipation. Follow the direction. U 12 s 0
  - NOTICE.—Louis Cohen, for years at 629 E. Main St., the tailor, is now permanently located at 124 S. S. P 15 s 0